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1. THE SUBSTANCE OF THE FOLLOWING REPLY HAS BEEN COORDINATED WITH
EUCOM.

2. ALTHOUGH DENMARK IS A MEMBER OF NATO, THE DANES HAVE NEVER
ALLOWED THE STATIONING OF "FOREIGN FORCES" ON DANISH SOIL IN
PEACETIME. THE ONLY ELEMENTS OF US UNIFORMED SERVICES NOW IN

DENMARK ARE (1) ATTACHED TO THE NATO HEADQUARTERS COMBALTAP AT AIR STATIONS KARUP, JUTLAND; (2) THE OFFICE OF DEFENSE COOPERATION; (3) THE DEFENSE ATTACHE STAFF; (4) THE ARMY VETERINARY DETACHMENT AND (5) THE USAF PROCURMENT DETACHMENT. ALL BUT COMBALTAP ARE NOTIFIED TO THE DANISH GOVERNMENT AS DIPLOMATIC OR ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL STAFF OF THE EMBASSY

3. COMBALTAP, WE UNDERSTAND, IS FINANCED JOINTLY BY THE DANES AND NATO INFRA-STRUCTURE FUNDS. THE US MUTUAL DEFENSE ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT OF 1952 PROVIDES FOR A DANISH CONTRIBUTION TO WHAT IS NOW ODC OF APPROXIMATELY TWO-THIRDS OF ITS TOTAL COST (\$224,435 ANNUALLY).

4. NATO TRAINING EXERCISES INVOLVING US FORCES CONTINUE: EG "EXERCISE BOLDGUARD 76" (4TH MARINE AMPHIBIOUS BRIGADE IN NOV 1976); TACTICAL FIGHTER WEAPONRY TRAINING (ANNUALLY IN SEP BY ELEMENTS FROM THREE USAF SQUADRONS); NORTH WEDDING-PHASE 3 AND BOLDGUARD 1978. THESE EXERCISES ARE NORMALLY JOINTLY FUNDED BY THE UNITED STATES AND DENMARK WITH THE FORMER PAYING DIRECT COST FOR ITEMS SUCH AS RATIONS, AMMUNITION AND POL AND WITH DENMARK COVERING THE COST OF THE USE OF PORTS, AIRFIELDS, TRAINING AREAS AND OTHER FACILITIES.

5. LANDING AND BERTHING FEES FOR US AIRCRAFT AND VESSELS USING DANISH FACILITIES ON A ROUTINE BASIS ARE WAIVED. DUE TO THE LIMITED NUMBERS INVOLVED, SUBSIDIZATION FOR THESE SERVICES IS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONSIDERED NEGLIGIBLE.

6. TWO BILATERAL AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE US AND DENMARK COULD PROVIDE FOR SOME DANISH SUBSIDIZATION OF US DEFENSE PRESENCE IN THIS COUNTRY. THESE ARE THE CO-LOCATED OPERATING BASE (COB) AND LINES OF COMMUNICATION (LOC) AGREEMENTS. THE UMBRELLA COB AGREEMENT HAS BEEN SIGNED BUT NEITHER DETAILED AGREEMENTS UNDER THE UMBRELLA NOR THE PRINCIPAL LOC AGREEMENT - WHICH ARE IN NEGOTIATION - HAVE BEEN CONCLUDED.

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